

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ian H. COATES *et al.*

Serial No. 07/741,570

Filed: Aug. 7, 1991

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Group Art Unit: 1203

Examiner: ROTMAN

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated January 4, 1993, the period for response to which has been extended to expire on June 4, 1993, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a two month extension of time and payment of the required fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 26, line 1, delete "may be" and insert --is--.

Claim 29, line 1, delete "may be" and insert --is--.

Claim 32, line 1, delete "may be" and insert --is--.

Claim 40, line 1, delete "may be" and insert --is--.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in order to place the application in condition for allowance and in consideration of the comments contained in the outstanding Official Action. The Official Action indicates that claims 1-12 and 22-25 are allowed, but that claims 26-38 and 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, because the phrase "which may be" is indefinite and because claims 26-28 do not recite a specific illness or disease to be treated.

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